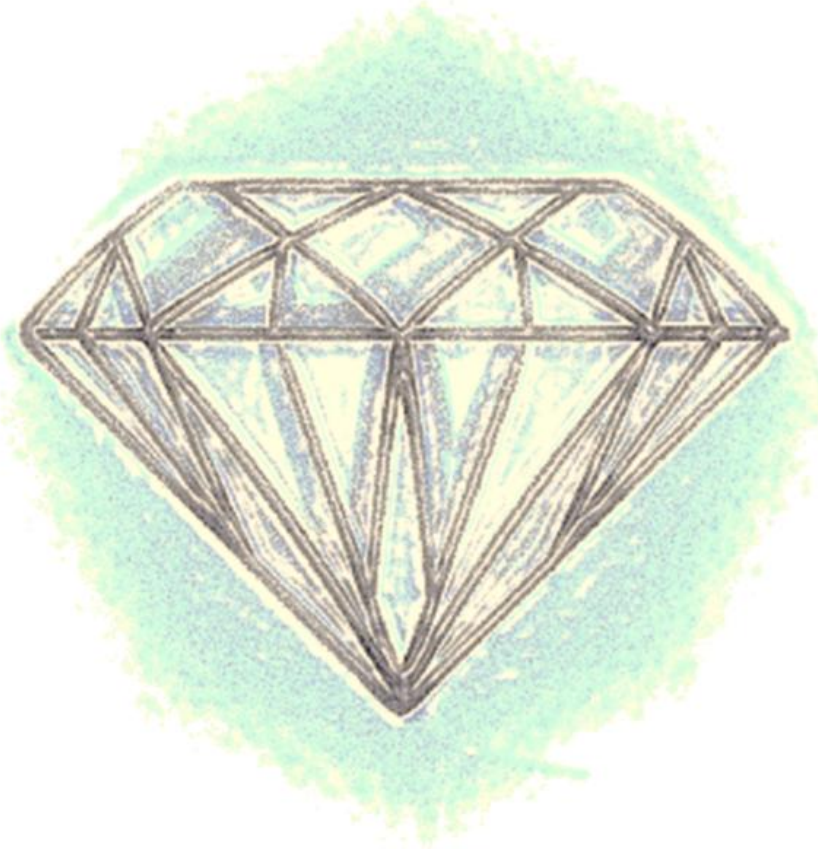
The Many Facets of

"So Great a SALVATION!"

(Redemption's Lexicon, Part V)



"...how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation ?"
Hebrews 2:3 (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
November 16th, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of November, *in the Year of our Lord* 2025

- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Answering Rome: "Did the Reformers promote chaos and disunity?"

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"God is so Good"* (#433, v. 2).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"He Lifted Me"* (#213).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: John 6:35-47.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Special Music (Pastor Reese): *"He Touched Me"* (#227).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"It Took a Miracle"* (#241).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"SO GREAT A SALVATION (PART V)."*

Closing Hymn:* *"O, How I Love Jesus"* (#281).

Benediction.*

Stewardship Report; Week of Nov. 9 – Nov. 15:

Sunday School: 6; Morning Worship: 10; Midweek: 4; Offering: $599.00;

VIDEO (cumulative: *YouTube, Rumble, Facebook*):

"Charlie Kirk: American Martyr:" 308 views.
"Christianity vs. Cultural Marxism:" 204 views.
"Capital Punishment & the Pope:" 241 views.

AUDIO (Internet Archive Audio):

"Cultural Marxism:" 19 listens; *"Capital Punishment:"* 29 listens.

PASTOR'S BLOG (https://reesepastor.blogspot.com):

"Woke Pope:" 39 reads; *"He First Loved us:"* 16 reads; *"3 Imputations:"* 23.

MIDWEEK PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY: THURS., 6:30 PM

AFRICA UPDATE

Dear beloved brethren, Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. The next mobile outreach in Cameroon begins tomorrow. Please pray for Pastor Salomon and the team from the Mfomakap GBC along with all the clinic personnel that the Lord would bless this evangelistic outreach. Thanks for all your gifts and prayers. God bless, Keith (11/12/25)

This Week's CGBCI Church for Prayer: Somerset GBC

Our dear brother Pastor Chris Knight of the Listie GBC and his church lift-up each week a different CGBCI church and its pastor for prayer. We thrive on prayer, and so we have now started that practice here! It also helps keep us intimately connected with those of like-faith, which in turn helps the local church stay grounded.

Won't you please join us in prayer this week for the Somerset GBC & Pastor Tom Johnson? Pastor Tom (originally from Ohio,

and a graduate of *Bob Jones University*) has been at Somerset for approximately 20 years. Tom is a multi-talented "jack-of-all-trades" with many practical skills: e.g., a learned pastor, handyman, businessman, and musician (playing a variety of instruments)! He and **Cathy** are the parents of two daughters, **Nicole & Joanna**. Pastor Johnson has helped *our* church on various occasions when we needed an additional elder for Anointing Services (James 5:13-20). He has also been studiously involved in various duties on behalf of the national fellowship. It was under Tom's oversight that the Somerset church first came into the **CGBCI** (traditionally, Somerset had been an *"unaffiliated"* Grace Brethren church). The work in Somerset began in 1968, when **Pastor Cliff Wicks** took a

group from Listie GBC to establish a new congregation. In its heyday in the 1970's, **1,000+ people** could easily show up on a given Sunday Morning, with a literal *fleet* of buses serving a youth group of **hundreds of kids** from all over Somerset County**!** One of those kids, incidentally, was **Peggy Reese** of Shanksville, who was saved and grew up in the church, along with several of her siblings. It was there that she later met **Terry Reese**, who was re-baptized and joined the church as an adult, and did his first lay-preaching there as a deacon. As a smaller church, the flock relocated several years ago to a far more modest (but appropriately sized) structure. Pastor Tom asks us to pray for ***growth and attendance!***

GENERATIONAL CURSES?

Exodus 34:7: "visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children…"

Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, 11/14/25

In recent years there has been some excitement over so-called "generational curses." This anxiety—often associated with Charismatics (but not limited to them)—is frequently expressed with mystical overtones and related to an unhealthy over-preoccupation with *demonology.* The basic idea is that due to the sin of a certain ancestor, an explicit formal Divine "curse" has fallen upon all their descendants, with a *specific demon* being assigned to afflict terrible bondage upon future generations.

In response to such an extravagant and unnuanced position, let us remind ourselves of the *justice* of God: ***"The son will not bear the iniquity of the father…"*** (Ezek.18:20). The concept of "generational curses" as defined by Deliverance Movement-types is crudely superstitious and wildly overstated—we are not inherently *"doomed beyond hope"* because great-great-granny is said to have been a gypsy fortune teller.

Nonetheless, behind most myths are *underlying realities*. For example, the concepts of an inherited sin-nature derived from Father Adam (Ps. 51:5) and the imputation of Adam's sin unto his descendants (Rom. 5:12-21) are Biblically valid.

Ultimately, the **great sobering reality** lying beneath the idea of generational curses is the *legitimate* concept of ***generational cycles***. It is an awesome and terrifying reality that what we *do* (or *fail* to do) as individuals within our homes and churches WILL have vastly influential and monumental levels of impact upon others—*including our future descendants!* The darkest patterns of human behavior—abuse, addiction, immorality—can be generationally recycled over-and-over again, due to ignorance, sin, and neglect. Ancient Israel repeatedly ignored God's warnings concerning idolatry—resulting in sin's multi-generational, contagious transmission and the inevitable fruit of Divine judgment (Jer.32:18). Yet, with **repentance**, Israel *also* experienced God's **deliverance** (1Sam.12:10-12)!

The GOOD NEWS: God can rescue ***us*** as well, breaking the chains and bondage of generational cycles!